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On page 14, line 27, please cancel the word "stabilisers" and substitute in its place ~~stabilizers--~~ TECH CENTER 1600/2900

On page 15, line 1, after the word "from" please cancel the word "from".

On page 16, line 12, please cancel the word "microtitre" and substitute in its place -- microtiter--.

On page 16, line 19, please cancel the word "microlitres" and substitute in its place -- microliter--.

On page 16, line 20, please cancel the word "microtitre" and substitute in its place -- microtiter--.

On page 17, line 23, please cancel the word "microlitres" and substitute in its place -- microliter--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4-10, 24-29, 35, and 38.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A protein fragment having antimicrobial activity, wherein said protein fragment is a polypeptide [containing]comprising a relative cysteine spacing of [C-2X-C-3X-C-(10-12)X-C-3X-C-3X-C] C-3X-C-(10-12)X-C-3X-C (SEQ ID NOs: 37-39) wherein X is any amino acid residue, and C is cysteine.

2. (Twice Amended) An isolated or purified protein [containing]comprising at least one polypeptide fragment according to claim 1, wherein said polypeptide fragment has a sequence selected from [within a sequence comprising]the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, [or]and SEQ ID NO:5.

11. (Twice Amended) A composition comprising [an]the antimicrobial protein [according to]of claim 1 together with an agriculturally-acceptable carrier diluent or excipient.

13. (Twice Amended) A method of controlling microbial infestation of a plant by reducing the number of said microbes, the method comprising treating said plant with an antimicrobial protein according to claim 1 in an amount effective to reduce the number of said microbes.

16. (Twice Amended) A method of preparing an antimicrobial protein, said method comprising;